

# AURICLE

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Male Injury So Rare Only 67 Known Cases

A certain Patient X was admitted to the hospital emergency department at 1 a.m. he was in obvious trouble. But the examining doctors were puzzled. They were unable to make an immediate diagnosis.

The patient was pale, nervous and agitated. His skin was cold and clammy. Assuming he was in shock, physicians made a thorough examination for blood loss. They were surprised at what they found. The man's penis was markedly swollen, measuring seven inches in circumference. The patient was transferred to the operating room for removal of a massive blood clot.

How had such an injury occurred? The man was reluctant to explain at first. But the story was eventually revealed. He had been masturbating vigorously, when he heard a sudden snap. Pain and sudden swelling of the penis supervened.

The diagnosis was a fractured penis.

T.L. Arnold reported several of these cases in the 1977 Journal of Urology. He concluded that the injury occurs only when the penis is erect. The most common cause was a direct blow to the penis or bending it.

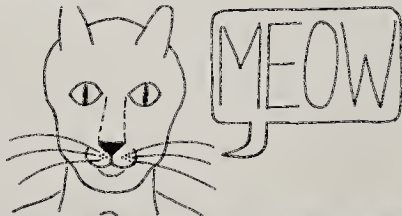
Some males suffered the embarrassing malady after bumping into a chair or bedpost during the night. Others were kicked during a fight. One man's penis was smashed during an attack. One man was injured while having intercourse in a moving car. He was thrown against the dashboard when the car came to a sudden stop. Another case occurred when the erect penis struck the saddle knob of a motorcycle. One patient somehow slammed his penis in a car door.

Doctors reported a patient suffered injury while having intercourse in a standing position. He must have been quite a lover. His partner suddenly fainted and her fall fractured his penis.

Other cases reported in the 1978 Journal of Urology include one dealing with an 18-year-old shepherd. He fell asleep in a tree, then fell out of the tree.

### Don Baumander's Spot Diagnosis:

A 3-week-old infant is carried into your office complaining a deletion in the short arm of his fifth chromosome, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. The first thing you notice is the following unusual cry. Diagnosis?



A special thanks to Ken Walker whose flea-bitten kidney will surely be remembered as one of the all time classics portrayed in this column.

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And now a note from Michelle Greiver in the class of 8T4:

#### The Brain

The brain is a very complicated organ, located largely above the shoulders, in the anatomical region known as 'the head'. The brain does a lot of very complex tasks, but the main thing it does is think for us, so that we don't have to think for ourselves. A brain is a very useful thing to have, because if we didn't have one, we'd be called brainless, which is a nasty insult. Finally, the brain is also a very versatile instrument. It can be compared to a vegetable (peabrain), an animal (bird-brain), or even another part of the body (bonehead)!

We can thus conclude that the brain constitutes an integral part of the entire person (holistic man), which should not be overlooked when considering the entire person.

Editors Note: I suspect the faculty is working the first year class a bit too hard.

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#### Arts and Letters

Only one more week is left to submit your poetry or prose

for the writing contest. Leave your work with Christa Jeney 8T3 or in the Arts and Letters Mailbox in the Medical Society Office.

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### Music Night

Here is the great opportunity to show your great musical talent.-the Arts and Letters Music Night. If you know how to sing or play a musical instrument and wish to perform, contact Christa Jeney 8T3 (4450201). Last year there was a Barber Shop Quartet, violin players, pianists and many more. So come on out and help put on a great show on April 10 (you have almost 2 months to get ready!).

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The next Medical Society Special Lecture will be held Monday Feb. 23 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm in the MSB auditorium. Dr. R. C. Frecker from the Addiction Research Foundation will be speaking on 'A Historical and Current Medical Perspective on the use of Cannabis'. He tells me it will be a presentation of facts the conclusion of which should prove to be obvious. What he means by this I am not sure, but it should be a very interesting talk. Hope to see all you potheads there.

Fred Anderson 8T2                      faster than a speeding bullet  
more powerful than a locomotive  
able to...

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### Medical Christian Fellowship Meeting-

Dr. J. Renne, a missionary surgeon on furlough from Zambia will speak and have a slide presentation on his work.

Alumni Lounge Friday, Feb. 20                      All Welcome

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### Attention all Medical Women:

Keep Friday March 6 open for the Women's Banquet, 1981, at the Town and Country Restaurant, 145 Mutual St. A cash bar will open at 6:30, a mixed hot and cold buffet will be served at 7:00. Tickets are \$5 from the MWA reps in your class--8T7 -Nancy Kent, 8T2 -Kim Plaxton, 8T3-Sue Goldstein, 8T4 -Lori Moore. (Tickets are now available!)

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### Attention Frat Members:

Brunch Feb. 22, Harbour Castle Hilton in 'The Poseidon'.

11:00 am Cathy 461-7276

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### Thinking of Opting Out?

Hear the pros and cons of opting out, opting in and salaried practices, Thurs., Feb. 26 at 7:30 pm in room 107, McMurrich

Spring is here (sort of) and so are nominations for positions on the Medical Assembly! It's time to elect new class president, hospital reps and president and vice president of the Assembly. There will be a General and Year Election on Mon., April 6. Nominations are now open and close 5 pm Wed., April 1.

Classes 8T3, 8T4 elect:

1 class president, 2 reps for TGH, 2 reps for TWH, 2 reps for SMH, 1 rep for SBH, MSH, WLH, and WCH.

Class 8T2 elects:

1 class president, and 1 rep for TGH, TWH, SMH, SBH, MSH, WLH, and of course WCH. These reps act as chief clinical clerks.

All four years plus AAM Students elect people to fill the presidential and vice presidential positions by general ballot.

About 40 other Assembly positions must be filled and will be voted upon by the old and new Medical Assemblies at a joint meeting April 13. Nominations for these positions are now open and close Fri., April 10. Watch future Auricles for further info.

If you would like to run, nomination forms will be available in the Med Soc Office. Return to Nominations Box in Med Soc Office  
Laura Cruz, Chief Returning Officer

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### The Sports Page

by Sheldon Shaul

Basketball playoffs are underway. Meds A will meet Law A in the first round and should be able to advance. Meda Piatola, the top intermediate team, received a bye in the first round and will meet the Vic Unknowna. The Doctora of Dribble, playing with 4 players for much of the second half of the game, hung on to defeat SMC Happy Hookers 36-33 as Joel 'Special K' Krivy sunk a key foul shot with 11 seconds to play. Wycliffe is next in line.

The Meds, Hockey Blades enter the playoffs this year with a respectable 4-1 record. They are hoping that this year, in the words of Frank Goldberg, will be 'the year of the ultimate victory'. A strong rumour has it that Gregory Vincent scored the goal of the year but unfortunately 8T3, as in touch football, has faded into oblivion.

Lou Gherig, New York Yankee 1st baseman, was one of the greatest baseball players of all time. Tragically his career and his life were cut short by an insidious motor neuron disease, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. Before one of the largest and most emotional crowds at Yankee Stadium, Lou Gherg was honoured shortly before he died. The disease had claimed yet another victim in his prime.

Answer to Don Baumader's Spot Diagnosis: Rheumatoid Arthritis  
This week's editor Jesse Teitel with a hammer toe.